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Q: Who is an “importer”?

A: An importer is a person (company, etc.) who is responsible for a product entering the customs territory of the United States. For the purposes of certification, DOE expects the importer to be the importer of record identified on the U.S. Customs entry. The importer may be domestic or foreign and may be a manufacturer, a private labeler, a freight forwarder or other responsible party.